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SUBJ: INCIDENT INVOLVING SPECIAL AGENT STEPHEN KRUCHKO

1. ON SUNDAY, JUNE 19, AT APPROX 1300 HOURS, SA STEPHEN KRUCHKO WAS TAKING PHOTOGRAPHS FROM THE MUQATTAM HILLS WHICH OVERLOOK THE CITADEL AND OFFER AN EXCELLENT PANORAMIC VIEW OF THE CITY OF CAIRO. UNFORTUNATELY, MILITARY INSTALLATIONS COVER MOST OF THIS PLATEAU AND PHOTOS ARE ILLEGAL. SIGNS IN ENGLISH AND ARABIC REMIND FOREIGNERS THAT IT IS A RESTRICTED AREA. HE WAS CARRYING NO IDENTIFICATION.

2. KRUCHKO HAS ACCOMPANIED THE AMB ON A TRIP TO ALEXANDRIA; HE WILL RETURN THIS EVENING. FOLLOWING INFO IS PROVIDED BY OTHERS INVOLVED.

3. AS KRUCHKO WAS DEPARTING THE MUQATTAM AREA, TWO MILITARY POLICE APPROACHED AND ATTEMPTED TO APPREHEND HIM FOR TAKING PHOTOGRAPHS IN A FORBIDDEN AREA. HE WAS ALONG IN A VEHICLE BELONGING TO AN EMBASSY OFFICER. SINCE THE MP'S SPOKE NO ENGLISH AND KRUCHKO SPOKE NO ARABIC, HE DECIDED TO DEPART AND PROCEED TO THE EMBASSY AS RAPIDLY AS POSSIBLE. THEY ATTEMPTED TO STOP HIM. AS HE CAME DOWN FROM THE HILL, WORD WAS SHOUTED AHEAD THAT HE WAS A SPY. AT THE BOTTOM OF THE HILL WHERE THE ROAD CONNECTS TO THE MAIN HIGHWAY, HE RAN
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A ROADBLOCK AND WAS FIRED UPON. ONE BULLET ENTERED THE FRONT WINDSHIELD ON THE DRIVER'S SIDE AND SHATTERED THE REAR WINDOW. LUCKILY, KRUCHKO BENT OVER JUST PRIOR TO THE SHOT. A SECOND ROUND WAS FIRED THROUGH THE RIGHT FRONT FENDER SKIRT AND BLEW OUT THE TIRE. AN OFF-DUTY POLICE OFFICER, IN HIS OWN CAR, FINALLY OVERTOOK AND ARRESTED HIM. HE WAS SEARCHED AND TAKEN TO A MILITARY AREA FOR QUESTIONING. KRUCHKO

WAS NOT CARRYING EITHER HIS PPT OR HIS DIP ID CARD WHICH HAD BEEN OBTAINED FOR HIM FROM THE FORNMINISTRY. AT ABOUT 1600 HOURS, HE WAS PERMITTED TO CALL THE EMBASSY. HE SUMMARIZED EVENTS AND STATED THAT NO ONE THERE SPOKE ENGLISH. AN EMBASSY EXPEDITOR SPOKE WITH THE POLICE AND WAS INFORMED THAT THEY WERE MOVING KRUCHKO TO ANOTHER STATION THAT HAD AN ENGLISH-SPEAKING OFFICER. HE WAS MOVED TO SEVERAL STATIONS IN PROTECTIVE CUSTODY. AIC SAM BARKETT NEXT HEARD FROM HIM AT APPROX 1900 HOURS AND TOOK KRUCHKO'S PPT AND ID CARDS TO THE ADDRESS INDICATED. WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF STATE SECURITY, KRUCHKO WAS RELEASED AT 2230 HOURS AND RETURNED TO THE EMBASSY.

4. WE ARE INFORMED THAT THERE WILL BE NO CHARGES AGAINST HIM. WE ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT A REPORT HAS BEEN PREPARED BY STATE SECURITY AND FORWARDED TO THE PRIMINISTER RECOMMENDING CASE BE DROPPED. HOWEVER, WE MAY HEAR ABOUT THE CASE IN LESS FORMAL FASHION.

5. THE POV BELONG TO THE EMBASSY OFFICER REQUIRES NEW FRONT AND REAR WINDSHIELDS, FENDER REPAIR, PAINT JOB AND TIRES. COST FOR PARTS AND LABOR WILL BE PRESENTED TO KRUCHKO.

6. A DETAILED REPORT WILL BE PREPARED AND SUBMITTED ASAP.

7. SA KRUCHKO IS SCHEDULED FOR NORMAL ROTATION AND WILL DEPART
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8. PLEASE CONFIRM ETA OF RSO STEVEN BRAY.
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